



News from the CITY OF CARMEL

For the Citizens of Carmel

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Carmel and NOAX Reach Agreement for Annexation

The City of Carmel has reached an annexation agreement with NOAX, an unincorporated association of landowners in southwest Clay Township. "We feel this annexation will benefit current residents in Carmel and also be best for landowners in southwest Clay Township," said Mayor Jim Brainard.

The Southwest annexation area has some of the highest assessed value in Clay Township. The taxes from this area will allow the City to continue to keep tax rates low while providing the highest quality services.

"Often, I hear from citizens that they feel that current residents and businesses in Carmel are subsidizing township residents and that they are reaping the benefits of living adjacent to Carmel," said Mayor Brainard. The majority of the southwest Clay area residents have Carmel addresses.



Mayor Brainard (second from left) is joined by members of NOAX as Fred Yde (far right), NOAX spokesperson, addresses the audience at the press conference.

The amended version of annexation ordinance No.C-263 allows for a three-year phase-in of taxes and some city services, with full taxes and services beginning in the 4th year after approval. The City has agreed to address intersection improvements within 90 days after the amended annexation

"We are pleased we were able to reach an agreement for the annexation of southwest Clay township. We think it is a fair and beneficial agreement for both the City and the landowners."

Mayor Jim Brainard

is approved. "The terms outlined in the amended ordinance define what NOAX, on behalf of southwest Clay Township citizens, have identified as conditions to an annexation ordinance," said Fred Yde, President of NOAX.

Other features of the agreement include a review of The Comprehensive Land Use and Thoroughfare Plan as it relates to the annexation territory, appointment of a Plan Commission member from the annexed.



Carmel Adopts Long Beach, Mississippi, to Aid in Hurricane Relief

After receiving multiple calls from residents and businesses asking how they can help victims of Hurricane Katrina, the City decided to focus its relief efforts on one community to create the greatest impact. It adopted Long Beach, Mississippi, a city of 17,000 residents located just west of Gulfport.

Long Beach has been devastated by the hurricane. Forty percent of the residents are out of their homes, many living with other residents in the north section of Long Beach. One home may have up to five families in it. More than 230 residents are in shelters.

Already, Carmel is making a difference to the hurricane ravaged community.

The Carmel Clay Public Library has committed to sending the remaining books from the October Friends of the



Carmel Police Chief Mike Fogarty talks with reporters as eight donated police vehicles are loaded on a truck to be delivered to the Long Beach Police Department, which suffered substantial hurricane damage.

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A Message from the Mayor

In the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the City of Carmel decided to focus its hurricane relief efforts in one community in order to make the greatest impact. The generous and prompt response of many in the community to help the people of Long Beach, Mississippi, has been admirable. It will take months for Long Beach to rebuild from the disaster, but the ongoing relief efforts of our community have already made a difference. We will continue to work with Long Beach city officials as they face the daunting task of rebuilding their hurricane ravaged city. You can read more about Carmel's relief effort in Long Beach in this issue of the newsletter.

On a local level, as the City continues to grow, we are dedicated to providing the services needed to support the growth. Carmel received additional federal funds for improvements to Old Meridian Street. A third water tower was erected in the City. Jerry Heniser was appointed to the Carmel Redevelopment Commission—an important commission in overseeing the City's development. A settlement was also negotiated with NOAX to annex southwest Clay Township.

Fall is a busy time in Carmel. I look forward to seeing you at our annual Veteran's Day celebration on November 10 and Holiday on the Square on November 19.

As always, please feel free to call, e-mail or mail your suggestions, comments or ideas to the City. We want to hear from you.

Very truly yours,



Mayor Jim Brainard



Mayor Jim Brainard

The Littlest Volunteers



During the Solheim Cup Golf Tournament, Michaela, 5, and Aidan, 3, Mellor set up a lemonade stand at their grandparents home (Dr. & Mrs. Chua) in Crooked Stick to raise money for Hurricane Katrina relief.

The brother and sister raised

more than \$1200, which they brought to the City of Carmel to donate to the city's Long Beach Hurricane Relief Effort.

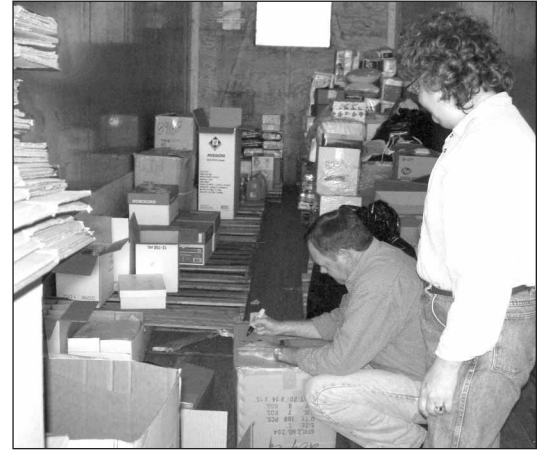
Carmel Adopts Long Beach

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Library Sale to the Long Beach Library. St. Elizabeth Seton has adopted the Catholic Church in Long Beach. Carmel's VFW Post 10003 sent a check for \$500 to the Long Beach VFW Post 3937. The VFW Post in Long Beach lost its roof and a wall in the hurricane.

The City of Carmel donated and delivered eight police cars to Long Beach to help its police department. Long Beach lost 12 of its cars which were destroyed in the hurricane. The City collected school supplies from the Carmel community for Long Beach children. A semi-trailer, provided by local businesses involved in Hurricane Relief Direct (HRD), a group of businesses committed to trucking relief supplies to the ravaged Gulf Coast, delivered the supplies in time for the start of school.

"Carmel is a very generous community," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "The response has been wonderful. Adopting Long



City of Carmel employees and volunteers from the community helped pack donations and load the truck for Long Beach.

Beach will focus our City's efforts on one area and allow us to make a substantial impact to their recovery."

Those who wish to send tax deductible monetary contributions to Long Beach should send a check made payable to: City of Long Beach (mark the memo line "Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund"). Send the check to the following address:

**City of Long Beach
Disaster Relief &
Recovery Fund
c/o Long Beach, Mississippi
P.O. Box 929
Long Beach, MS 39560**



The City of Carmel parked a trailer at City Hall to collect school supplies, food and water to deliver to Long Beach, Mississippi, residents.

For more information on the Long Beach recovery effort, go to Carmel's website at www.carmel.in.gov. Also included on the Carmel website is a page for volunteers to offer their services to the Long Beach community.

Mayor Appointed Vice Chair Of Committee on Community Development and Housing

Mayor Jim Brainard was appointed Vice-Chair of the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) Committee on Community Development and Housing. The principal focus of the committee is the federal/local relationship in the area of community and economic development and housing. "I am honored to be asked to serve on this committee," said

Mayor Brainard. "It focuses on topics very important to the priorities of Carmel." Among its major concerns are critical federal programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Commerce. In addition, the committee addresses issues of controlled growth and livability in the

nation's cities.

Last January at the organization's winter meeting, Mayor Brainard addressed the group (aired live by C-SPAN) on the topic of how medium size cities can regenerate through downtown revitalization, focusing on the City Center project in Carmel.



Cordray Elected to IACT Executive Committee

Carmel Clerk-Treasurer Diana Cordray was elected to the Executive Committee of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) in September at the 2005 IACT Annual Conference and Exhibition in Fort Wayne.

The Executive Committee serves as the governing body for the Association, and is elected by the membership each year at the Annual Conference. Cordray's term expires in 2007.

As part of IACT's leadership, Cordray will work to further the Association's mission of improving the quality of life in Indiana through effective government.

IACT, which is 115 years old, is one of the oldest state municipal organizations in the country with 471 cities and towns as members. IACT advocates for municipalities as the official voice of municipal government in Indiana and promotes good government through education, training and leadership.



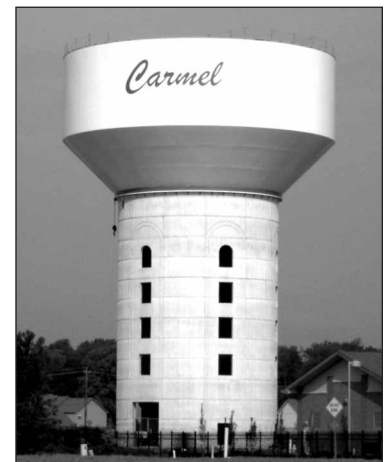
Diana Cordray

Carmel Recognized for Outstanding Water Fluoridation Program

To support state Water Fluoride programs and recognize water treatment facilities that are doing an outstanding job of promoting good oral health, the Center for Disease Control has, (based on Indiana State Department of Health documentation), issued Water Fluoridation Quality Awards to the community water systems that have consistently maintained fluoride levels in the optimal range. Carmel was one of those named.

The City of Carmel successfully maintained optimal fluoride levels and met the state's fluoridation monitoring requirements for all 12 months of 2002 and 2003. The Mayor was presented 2002 and 2003 Water Fluoridation Quality Award Certificates.

A new water tower was erected at 131st Street and Shelborne Road to provide better water pressure in northwest Clay Township and provide for future growth. The new tower holds two million gallons of water. In addition, Carmel Utilities will occupy five floors of office space built in the pedestal of the water tower. The tower was paid for out of savings and a federal earmark.



Holiday in the Arts District

December 10, 3-7 p.m.

The district be unveiling the first public art piece in the district. Come for the food and entertainment!



Mayor Appoints Heniser to Carmel Redevelopment Commission

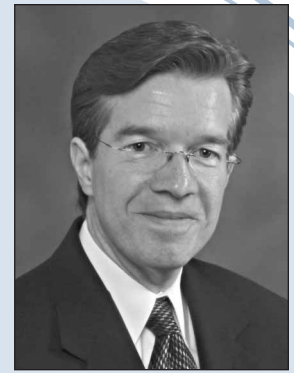
Mayor Jim Brainard appointed Jerry Heniser, a former Carmel Plan Commission member, to the Carmel Redevelopment Commission (CRC) to fill the vacancy left by the late Ed Burke. Heniser's vast experience in the field of municipal finance makes him an ideal addition to the CRC, which is responsible for overseeing City development projects.

Heniser is the founding

manager of the Municipal Banking Group for Regions Bank in central Indiana. He began his banking career 16 years ago with INB National Bank. In addition, he is an active member of the business community. He represents Regions Bank as an associate member of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns. He is also actively involved with the Association of Indiana Counties, the

Indiana League of Municipal Clerk-Treasurers and the Indiana Association of School Business Officials.

"Jerry brings much knowledge and expertise to the Commission," said Mayor Brainard. "He understands our vision and brings a fresh new perspective to the board. Furthermore, he is the first CRC board member to live in the City Center development area."



Jerry Heniser

Future City Vehicles to Be Environmentally Friendly

In August, Mayor Jim Brainard signed an executive order that requires all replacement vehicles purchased by the City of Carmel to be capable of using alternate fuels. When it came time to acquire new vehicles for the City's Community Services and Engineering departments,



seven new Ford Escape Hybrids were purchased.

Building inspectors and code enforcement staff as well as road inspectors will use the new Fords. "The hybrid vehicles were a perfect match for our needs," said Mike McBride, city engineer. "The fact that most of our driving is in the city and this hybrid get the best gas mileage in the city makes the vehicle a perfect match for us."

Mayor Brainard's executive order comes after the Environmental Protection Agency declared Hamilton County a "non-attainment

area." Ranked eighth highest for carbon monoxide emissions from mobile sources out of 25 counties in Indiana and worst overall air quality, Hamilton County municipalities must improve air quality or lose federal highway and economic development funds.

Carmel's poor air quality is a result of wind patterns, which blow carbon monoxide vehicle emissions from heavily congested northern Marion County and Interstate 465 toward the City. "Requiring



all vehicles purchased for the city to be fuel efficient and more environmentally friendly will send a clear message that we want to help clean up the air quality," said Mayor Brainard.



Kevin Heber

Kevin Heber Appointed to Plan Commission

Mayor Jim Brainard appointed Kevin Heber to the Carmel Plan Commission, which helps the City plan growth and development. Heber works as an acoustics engineer with Delphi in Kokomo. He and his wife and

two children have lived in Carmel for nine years.

Heber is replacing Jerry Heniser on the Plan Commission. Heniser left to serve on the CRC.

The Plan Commission is an 11-member board helps the

City Council develop and update relevant city ordinances, the Comprehensive Plan, the Thoroughfare Plan and other long-range plans for housing, transportation, neighborhood development and public facilities.

116th Street Reopens After 77-Day Hyperfix

After 77 days of construction, the reopening of 116th Street is a welcomed change, especially with the new road improvements and the addition of two roundabouts.

The thoroughfare has been expanded to four lanes between US31 and the new Illinois Street extension. Roundabouts were added at the intersections 116th and Illinois Streets, and 116th Street and Springmill Road.

"The City of Carmel and its citizens are already benefiting from the changes and improvements to 116th Street," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "Traffic is flowing more smoothly on the wider roadway and through the roundabouts."



A ribbon cutting ceremony celebrated the reopening of Illinois Street on Friday, September 30. Cutting the ribbon are (left to right) Rick Conner, president of American Consulting; Mo Merhoff, president of Chamber of Commerce; Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard; Jonathan Goble, president and CEO of Clarian North Medical Center; Joe Griffiths, Carmel City Council; and Fred Glaser, Carmel City Council.

Carmel's New Web Site Address

The City of Carmel's web site address/domain name has changed to www.carmel.in.gov. The new address was implemented to simplify the extension and add the government (.gov) extension to ensure web users knew it was an official government site.

The domain name also affects the extension of city employee's e-mail addresses. Persons sending an e-mail to city employees will use the following extension: @carmel.in.gov. For example, the new email address for Nancy Heck, director of Community Relations, is NHeck@carmel.in.gov.

Please make note of these changes and update your records.

www.carmel.in.gov

Carmel Receives Federal Funds to Improve Old Meridian

The City of Carmel will reap benefits from the surface transportation bill signed by President George Bush in August. The bill earmarked \$1.125 million for improvements to Old Meridian Street.

With these funds and other funds previously appropriated by the federal government and the city, Old Meridian will be widened to four lanes between Pennsylvania and 136th Street. Roundabouts will be added at the intersections of Old Meridian and 131st Street, as well as Guilford and Pennsylvania. Bike paths, curbs

and a landscaped median will be part of the road improvement. Construction is expected to begin in December 2005.

Mayor Jim Brainard said that he and his staff worked for two years to obtain an earmark in the transportation bill. "We need to do all we can to obtain the return of as much money to Carmel and Indiana as possible," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "We feel fortunate to have received funding and appreciate the support we received from Senators Richard Lugar and Evan Bayh and Congressman Dan Burton."

Traffic Signal Donated to Enhance Arts and Design District

Impressed with the improvements in the Carmel Arts and Design district, Carmel resident, William and Christine Doron, vice president of Traffic Signal Company, provided a traffic signal to the City as a way to further enhance the area. "I saw all the positive changes happening at this corner and wanted to make sure the traffic signal matched the high quality of design being established in the district," explained Doron.

The company's donation of LED signal inserts will save the City considerable dollars in electric costs. In addition, the City received a black traffic signal cabinet and an LED countdown pedestrian signal.

"It is the continuous support of our citizens that will make the Arts and Design District a part of the City everyone will enjoy," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "The City is fortunate to have citizens like William and Christine Doron."



Doug Dolen Recognized as “Unsung Hero”

Doug Dolen is not a firefighter, but he loves to volunteer at the Carmel Fire Department (CFD). Since retiring from his job as a custodian at Carmel Schools, he spends many hours each month at the station. Recently, he was recognized as an “Unsung Hero of Central Indiana” by Fox affiliate Channel 59 for his assistance to the CFD.

“Unsung Heroes of Central Indiana” honors citizens in the

community who do the extraordinary, accomplish the impossible and impact the lives of others without concern for attention or recognition. The “Unsung Heroes” come from many backgrounds, but the common thread among all the heroes is their drive and desire to make an improvement in the lives of those around them.

“This is a great honor,” said Dolen. “The Carmel Fire



Doug Dolen

Department is a second family to me, and I am pleased to be involved as much as I can.” At the fire station, Dolen gives tours and helps with safety demonstrations for school-aged children. In addition, he also volunteers for the annual

Muscular Dystrophy collection and Hoosier Burn Camp, alongside the firefighters. His good works don’t stop with the CFD; he also volunteers at the Carmel Farmer’s Market and the Carmel Friends Church.

“He is a firefighter at heart,” said Assistant Fire Chief Jace Platt. “He truly cares and wants to help.”

Children’s Art Gallery Reopens

The World’s Smallest Children’s Art Gallery, the first gallery in the Carmel Arts and Design District, reopened in September. The gallery, located at 40 West Main Street, exhibits art work by students in both public and private schools in the area.

The Guinness Book of World Records approved the status of the gallery as the world’s smallest children’s art gallery in 1999. Managed by the Carmel Arts Council, the gallery is open yearly September through May on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m.



Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard (left), Councilor Ron Carter (center) and Doreen Squire Ficarra (right), Executive Director of the Carmel Arts Council at the Grand Reopening Event.

All schools are invited to show artwork. For more information, call Doreen Squire Ficarra at 317-844-4989.

Shred Day to Benefit Crime Stoppers

The fastest growing crime in the world is identity theft. Crime Stoppers of Indiana and Shred-It partnered to shred and protect personal information on Saturday, October 22. Residents brought their personal documents to Carmel City

Hall’s south parking lot for shredding. A high speed mobile cross shredder destroyed the information while residents watched. The cost was \$5 per box. All proceeds were donated to Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana.

Eighth Annual Carmel International Arts Festival Entertains and Delights

A good time was had by all who attended the eighth annual Carmel International Arts Festival in September on the grounds of Providence at Old Meridian. Visitors enjoyed a juried art show featuring artwork from throughout the world. In addition, food vendors and music and dance groups with an international flair entertained guests.

“Once again, the International

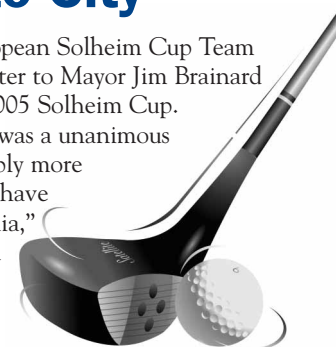
Arts Festival was a spectacular success,” said Mayor Jim Brainard. “We are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers in our community who work year round to attract talented artists and entertainers to this event.”

Art of various media was available for sale including watercolor, oils, pottery, sculpture, glass, wood, arylic, textiles, mixed media and more. Monetary awards

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European Solheim Cup Sends Thanks to City

The executive director of the European Solheim Cup Team expressed the team’s gratitude in a letter to Mayor Jim Brainard for Carmel’s hospitality during The 2005 Solheim Cup. “The Solheim Cup at Crooked Stick was a unanimous success, with record crowds and possibly more importantly the positive feedback we have received from all elements of the media,” wrote Alexandra Armas. “Once again many thanks for the huge support from the City of Carmel.”



Upcoming Parks Events



What's Happening at the Parks

For more information about these events and other park activities call the Recreation Programmer at 848-7275 or access the parks website at www.carmelclayparks.com

National Family Volunteering Day

Saturday, November 19, 10:00 a.m.-noon

Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation Office,
760 3rd Avenue SW, Suite 100

Gather your family and spend some quality time volunteering for the Parks Dept. This year the Parks Dept. will be putting up a "Giving Tree" to collect school supplies for needy children. Activities include putting up the giving tree, making decorations for the giving tree, decorating the tree, and organizing donations. Volunteers are asked to bring a donation of a school supply. Call the Parks Dept at 317-848-7275 for more details.

Camp Snowflake

12/27, 12/28, 12/29, 12/30, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5, 1/6

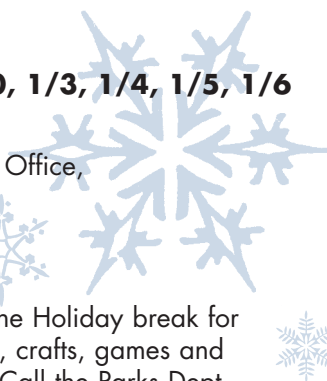
8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation Office,
760 3rd Avenue SW, Suite 100

Cost: \$30.00

Bring a sack lunch each day.

A Mini-camp will be offered over the Holiday break for children ages 6-10. Daily fieldtrips, crafts, games and other fun activities will be offered. Call the Parks Dept at 317-848-7275 for more details.



Community Events

Mark Your Calendar

**There is a lot going on in the City.
Mark your calendars to attend these events.**



Holiday in the Arts District

Old Town Arts & Design District

Saturday, December 10, 2005

3-7 p.m.

City Hall will be closed

Thursday, November 24, Thanksgiving

Friday, November 25, Thanksgiving

Friday, December 23, Christmas

Monday, December 26, Christmas

Monday, January 2, New Year's Day

**For more event information, visit the
"Community Calendar" on the city's website
at www.carmel.in.gov.**



Children attending the Carmel International Arts Festival enjoyed making their own art.

were presented for "Best in Show" as well as second and third place winners. Ten "Best of Media" awards and ten overall Honorable Mention awards were also presented.



The following is a list of winners:

Best of Show, Gerard Erley, \$1,000

1st Place, Patricia Hecker, \$600

2nd Place, Mark Kelso, \$500

3rd Place, Martin Borja, \$400



Visitors to the eighth annual Carmel International Arts Festival strolled through the grounds of Providence at Old Meridian, viewing art from around the world and enjoying entertainment with an international flair.

Best of Media, \$100

Lynn Devine McDonald, watercolor, acrylic, mixed media

Elizabeth Bays, drawing

Bill and Karen Weiss, glass functional or decorative

Don Bodenberg, jewelry

Beth Forst, oil, pastel

J.D. Nolan, photography

Christine Davis, pottery

Trudi Duncan, printmaking

Earl Imel, sculpture

Ismaila Izo Ndiaye, fiber

Honorable Mention, \$50

Carol Skinner, oil

Pat Thompson, acrylic

Pat Carothers, fiber

Judy DeGan, pottery

Lee Cohn, metals

Diane Colye, watercolor

Lars Jonker, sculpture

Julie Houck, oil

Mark Burkett, oil

Judy Goskey, jewelry

Upcoming 2005 Meetings

City Council Meeting Dates

The City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

December 5
December 19

Board of Public Works & Safety Meetings

The Board of Public Works meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the Council Chambers at City Hall

December 7
December 21

Watch City Council meetings live on Channel 16. Channel 21 replays City Council meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Check the City of Carmel website at www.carmel.in.gov for events, traffic updates and news.



Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation's Winter/Spring 2006 Recreation Guide will be mailed to homes and businesses the week of December 27-January 2. It is also available on line at www.carmelclayparks.com. For more information or to register for a class call the Parks Dept. at 317-848-7275.

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1 - 4 p.m.

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